

Stream Examiner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Juneau, Alaska, October 5, 1925.

Mr. Henry O'Malley, Commissioner,
Bureau of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. O'Malley:

Am mailing you herewith what information I can gather from a hurried scrutiny of our stream guard reports. Some of them are about impossible to read and others give very little intelligent information. I have not all the reports in yet and a great many of them must be translated into english before we can transmit them, after we do get them but am giving you the information in condensed form from the reports at hand. Please do not consider this as a criticism of any of our stream guards, for such is not the intention. As far as I know they were a conscientious body of men made up of old time Alaskans, many of whom had extremely limited school advantages but are reliable in the performance of their official duties.

As these reports show the runs in the vicinity of the markers and mouths of the streams it is safe to assume that the escapement, although not mentioned as such, is equally large or light as stated. Many of these guards were active on the same stream for two or three years and their reports are worthy of every consideration. Most of the stream guards were relieved of duty from the middle to the end of August, although a few are yet out and in nearly all cases the guards specify that the silver run was extremely heavy when they left their post and not included herewith.

We have heard no discouraging reports from any quarter relative to the escapement, on the contrary all reports reaching us from those living in the various localities in Southeast Alaska, hunters, trout fishermen and others are to the effect that the escapements in the various localities is the best they have seen for years and in most cases remind them of old times. While the pack was light in this immediate vicinity, in comparison with some other years, the reports of escapement are most encouraging.

In summing up the total escapement over the entire Southeast Alaska district covering the entire year, I am pleased to advise that from all the information available we feel it is the most encouraging feature of our operations and in the main satisfactory.

Your suggestion of the 60-hour weekly close rather appeals to me as it would eliminate so many of our worries. However, I will talk it over with various interested parties and get their point of view before endeavoring to discuss it at length with you.

Yours very truly,

Dennis Egan
Agent.

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Note Gordon Hyman semi monthly report attached.

STREAM WATCHMEN PLACED IN SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA FOR SEASON of 1925.

South of Wrangell Narrows:

John Phillips	R	Eagle Creek	R run small
	H.D.	"	Heavy on H. & D. after Aug. 7
Matt Pellenin	S.D.H.	Olive Cove	Escapement heavy
Geo. Heald	R.	Red Bay	Light
J. H. Hall -X	S.D.H.	Stainey Creek	Run increased over last year.
Axel Miller	R.	McHenry Inlet	Heavy Good run & escapement
Fred H. Gray	S.D.H.	Anan Creek	Run light about half 1923-24
S. M. Wyatt -X	"	Anita Bay	Run fair - below normal.
Isaac Arola X	S.H.D.R.	Wrangell Narr.	Run light
		Kah Sheets Bay	
John H. Mantle -X	R.	Point Barrie	Light run
Geo. W. Card X	R.	Thoms Place	About all that could spawn in stream.
J. A. Kelley X	R.	Salmon Bay	Run fair for Dogs & Humps
Wm. Taylor X	S.H.D.R.	Lake Bay	Run strong but failed to comment further.
J.M. Corse	S.H.D.	Traitors Cove	Run heavy.
M. J. Lovold	R.	Naha Bay	Good average run
Dan Whipple	R.	Checats Cove	Light this season (Run)
F.C. Fox X	R.	Cholmondeley Sd	Run heavy but smaller than 1924.
R. H. Bland	S.H.D.	Johnson Cove	Prospects good. Latest report good run and escapement
Samuel O'Gowan	S.H.D.	North Arm Moira Sound	Run good but not quite so heavy as 1924.
J. S. Scott	R.	Rocky Bay	Good run and escapement.
John Richardson	S.H.D.	Rudyard Bay	Information meager.
J. C. Myers	R.	Short Bay	Run and escapement good
J.E. Olts	S.D.H.	Shrimp Bay	Information not reliable.
Fred Christopher	S.D.H.	Smeaton Bay	Run light
Herbert M. Parker	R.	Twelve Mile Arm	Run good

SOUTH OF WRANGELL NARROWS:

Chas. Rudin	X	S.H.D. Thorne & Toilstoi Bays	Heavy late run.
James Ross		S.H.D. Dora Bay	Heaviest in years in bay. Creek has small possibilities.
C.H.Harrison		S.H.D. Frederick Cove	Run heavy.
Samuel Ingram	X	S.H.D. Skowl Arm	Escapement excellent
A.F.Rowley	X	R. Hetta & Kasook Inlets	Hetta heavy - Kasook light.
Wm. Morgan		R. Karta Bay	Run light until late Aug. then heavy.
H.J.Hansen		R. Kegan Cove	Prospects good.
Louis Olson		R. Sarkar Cove	Run light
Geo. A. Laird		R. Quadra	Average - normal
A. L. Olts	X	S.H.D. Carrol Inlet) George Inlet)	Not much comment, Late reports but judge good run. show good run & escapement
Charles Freel		R. Very Inlet	Early run light Heavy late August
Frank Bach		S.H.D. Limestone Inlet	Run heavy - no sign of depletion.

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the different varieties of salmon. *Except Kings.*

Anan Creek Weir:

Walter J. Larsen X
Lewis C. Myers
Stephen B. Davis

Note: X indicates private motor boats used, numbering 13 in this district.

R - Reds
S. - Silver
D. Dogs
H. Humpbacks.

Dennis Harris
Agent.

NORTH OF WRANGELL NARROWS:

George Stevens		R.	Basket Bay	Heavy run.
W. H. Hart	X	R.	Bay of Pillars	Run heavy
Andrew Dalgard		S.D.H.	Chaik Bay	No sign of depletion Can vouch for same D.W.
C. F. Anderson		R.	Ford & Slocum Arm.	Run heavy
John R. Brown		S.D.H.	Hillman Creek	Dogs average; Humps light
John York		S.D.H.	Gambier Bay	Enormous escapement (too great)
John E. Nelson		S.D.H.	Hood Bay	Run good
Alfred Logergren	X	"	Kelp Bay	Run light
Harry Peehan	X	R.	Kootznahoo Inlet	Run heavy same as 1923.
Henry Lutro	X	S.D.H.	Pybus Bay	Run good average.
Scott, Wm.		S.D.H.	Saginaw Bay	Run fair
James Mahoney		"	Spasskaia Bay	Information meager.
Chas. Anderson	X	R.	Tebenkof Bay	Run light
Wm. Ireland	X	S.D.H.	Tenakee Inlet	Heavy. More in creek Aug. 18 than any year since 1921.
Herbert Lee		R.	Pavlof Harbor	Run heavy
Chas. Wold		S.D.H.	Whitewater By	Run light until Aug. 12, then heavy.
Peter Tweit		R.	Redbluff Bay	Average run
G. E. Britton	X	R.	Gut Bay	Run light
Peder A. Anderson	X	R.	Red Fish & Whale Bays	Information meager.
John Morrison		R	Excursion Inlet	Run large
W. R. Singleton		S.D.H.	Idaho Inlet	Not much information, but judge favorable.
Stanley Jorgenson		R.	Sitkof Bay	Light until Aug. then very hvy.
Dan Russell		S.D.H.	Howard Bay	Very light
Joseph Acklin		S.D.H.	Johnson Creek	Run light
James Russell	X	R.	Glacier Bay	Run light
Ben Bullard		R.	Taku River	Run light

NORTH OF WRANGELL NARROWS:

A. J. Sprague		R.	Eva Lake	Light run about 6500 Reds
Martin Madsen	X	R.	Chilkat River	Run heavy
John Campbell		R.	Chilkoot River	Run heavy
H. S. Sokoloff		R.	Dundas Bay	No estimate - feels this year smaller than formerly but good.
James Brightman		R.	Redoubt Bay	Good run and escapement
C. A. Bevans		D.H.	Game Creek	Run light
James Daly		R.	Yakutat	Run light
John J. Egan		R.	Yakutat	Run light
James Burnett		R.	Dry Bay	No way to estimate Run light is felt.

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